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HOME SERVICE NO HAPHAZZARD, ODD JOB TASK

Red Cross Civilian Relief
Workers Are Taught to
Furnish Aid in Systematic
Fashion.

[EDITOR'S NOTE:—This is the fourth of a series of five articles prepared by Mr. Fieser on the subject of Red Cross Home Service. The remaining article is "Organizing and Training 30,000 Home Service Committeemen."]

By James L. Fieser,
Director, Bureau Civilian Relief, Lake
Division, American Red Cross.

American Red Cross Home Service workers in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, already administering to families of some 1,500 enlisted men, carry on their work with a "catchism" which includes what may be termed "eleven commandments." As these "commandments" typify the spirit in which this type of Red Cross relief is given, I am stating them here, leaving the reader to draw his own conclusions.

1. Don't overwhelm people with questions before they have a chance to say what they want to say.
2. Don't suggest to them the answers they should make.
3. Don't forget that their hopes and plans are more important than any single fact that the Home Service worker wants in order to make complete a report or record.
4. Don't encourage the children to talk about things that concern their elders—about family difficulties and so on.
5. Don't let the children come to the office with messages and requests except when there is a real emergency and no older person can possibly come.
6. Don't discuss the affairs of a family nor tell the facts that cause your attention in the course of Home Service work to any outsider.
7. Don't give confidential information about the family when making inquiries.
8. Don't make inquiries of the present neighbors or do anything that will expose the family to gossip. Protect the family in question as you would your own family from anything that would help their self-respect.
9. Don't venture to make permanent plans on a first visit.
10. Don't fail to discover whether there is immediate and urgent need of relief and to make some temporary provision for supplying it before waiting to make further inquiries.
11. Don't fail, however, to inquire (before paying the first visit if possible) what other agencies are interested.

True, the "do's" taught Home Service workers in Red Cross Home Service Institutes, far outnumber the "don'ts," and one or two should be mentioned to further exemplify the spirit of the service and the manner in which it is given.

One is: "Be sure that there is a definite invitation from the family or some responsible person competent to speak for them before entering the home in the name of the American Red Cross."

Another: "Be sure that the member of the family in question is in some branch of the service."

Casual reading of these instructions may lead to the impression that Home Service is a simple bit of work to be done in the odd moments of the members of a chapter committee. It is not a simple work, nor is it an "odd moment" task.

In addition to mastering a knowledge of government regulations on separation allowances and the War Risk Insurance Law, a Red Cross Home Service worker must either be naturally endowed with or be able to acquire the qualities of tact, patience and kindness, and must study the problems which beset home life.

With all its ramifications, Red Cross Home Service is the most exacting type of work now required by this humanitarian institution within the boundaries of our own country. Its requirements for immediate and authentic information of the broadest scope are such that a 116 page handbook of information for Home Service workers is now being prepared by the Director General of Civilian Relief for early distribution.

SO MUCH PAINSTAKING CARE HAS BEEN AND IS BEING TAKEN IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THIS WORK THAT ENLISTED MEN FROM OHIO, INDIANA AND KENTUCKY SHOULD KNOW THAT THIS ARM OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE THEIR FAMILIES CARES EASIER AND TO EXTEND A KIND, YET UNPATRONIZING, HELPING HAND SUCH FAMILIES SHOULD WITHOUT HESITANCY COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR RED CROSS HOME SERVICE COMMITTEE WHEN TROUBLED IN ANY WAY.

TRAINS 30,000 HOME SERVICE COMMITTEEMEN

Red Cross With Institutes,
Handbook and Bulletins,
Teaches Civilian Relief
Forces How to Aid Folks
"Back Home."

[EDITOR'S NOTE:—This is the fifth and last of a series of five articles written by Mr. Fieser on American Red Cross Home Service work in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.]

By James L. Fieser,
Director, Civilian Relief, Lake Division, American Red Cross.

Organizing and training 30,000 Home Service committeemen to aid families of enlisted men is the most stupendous and pretentious task being undertaken by the American Red Cross within our own borders.

This statement is made without fear of contradiction.

Even were there established social agencies in every community from which men have been drawn for active service, this Red Cross duty would be hardly less difficult, because with the war have come new problems which must be solved, and efficiently too, if the good name of the Red Cross is to be held aloft and the minds of our fighting folk set at ease about the welfare of their loved ones "back home."

To school willing Home Service workers with no previous social training as well as keep professional community workers abreast with new developments, the Red Cross war council established in the Lake division Home Service Institutes at Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland, each identified with a strong university and each affiliated with healthy social agencies.

Thirty-five counties were represented by fifty-six students at the first series of institutes, each institute lasting six weeks. A second series has just opened. In addition, chapter courses of information are to be established in cities of 25,000 population and over.

There is no guess work about Red Cross Home Service.

Workers are being trained to help citizens gain all sorts of information. If a family has not heard from a son in the service, if the allotment and allowance check is delayed or wrong in amount, if a boy is reported missing, if any one of hundreds of possibilities occur, the Home Service worker must be alert to his or her responsibilities.

To show that there are "hundreds of possibilities" for this service, the American Red Cross has prepared for its committeemen a handbook containing correct answers to 290 questions which these committeemen have already been asked.

Forty-nine answers to questions on army and navy service, running from the composition of the fighting forces to explaining what must be done to assist the family of a man who has entered the service under an assumed name, are given in this handbook.

Eighty-six points on the soldier's and sailor's allowance compensation and war risk insurance are explained. The latter in itself is so large a task that a Home Service worker, anticipating a "soft snap" might be driven to cover if there were no handbook or institute course to lessen his perplexity. It is down in black and white how the insurance is written and for whom, how premiums are paid and by whom. Six points of information are provided to cover insurance for crews of merchant vessels and transports.

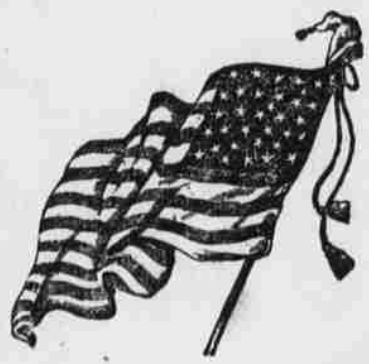
American Red Cross Home Service for families of enlisted men fighting for our allies causes twenty-nine questions to be answered in the handbook.

All this is supplemented by eighty-nine statements giving information on the status of families of discharged men, deserters, and alien enemy families and explaining relationship of the Red Cross to other relief societies and the operation of the Red Cross bureaus of camp service and communication.

Despite the fact that this handbook has just been issued, new and puzzling questions are arising with such rapidity that the bureau of civilian relief of the Lake division, is planning an informational service to keep its Home Service workers in 350 chapters in step with the fast-moving procession.

War (regardless of the Tuscan calamity and a few scattering casualties) are still in their infancy, but already some 3,000 families of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky enlisted and selective service men are under the care of Red Cross Home Service workers.

Picture the immensity of the task when the "American offensive" begins. Red Cross Home Service will be ready. It is democracy's brotherhood in action.



Local and Personal

Let us do that next of yours. We'll do it right.

John Wells, of Malone, was in town Tuesday on business.

John M. Lykins was at Grassy Creek on business this week.

M. F. Holbrook, of Moon, was in town on business Monday.

J. T. Adkins, of Wrigley, was in the city Monday.

J. W. Perry, of Yocum, was in town on business Monday.

Our foreman, L. T. Hovermale, is very sick this week.

Rev. Clinton Byrd, of Sellers, was here on business Saturday.

J. W. Harper, of Edna, visited his daughter, Mrs. Jas. P. Oney, the first of the week.

Town Marshal, L. H. Roberts has begun to stock up the stray pen.

J. V. Henry and Will Cox, of Florress, were in town last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hutchinson, of Alice, visited Mrs. H. M. Cox this week.

We will have a splendid line of new saddles on display during Circuit Court.

SAM R. LYKINS & SON.

Wheeler Hammonds, of Forest, paid our sanctum a pleasant visit Monday.

A. A. Weaver, of Zag, was a business caller at our office Monday.

Ed C. Williams, of Dingus, was in town on business the first of the week.

Wm. Lemaster, of Elliott county, visited relatives here the first of the week.

Elder J. H. Cottle, of Forest, left Wednesday for Charleston, West Va. on business.

J. L. Cottle, of Forest, visited the Courier office while in town Saturday.

Mrs. John D. Henry is visiting her son, Daniel, Cashier of Hargis Commercial Bank, of Jackson.

Prof. A. E. McGuire, of Cannel City, transacted business in town Saturday.

J. D. Engle, of Yocum, joined the Courier family while here Saturday.

T. H. McClure, of Pomp, was a business caller at our office last week.

Dennie Cottle will leave this week for Charleston, W. Va., to seek a location for a future home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Williams, of Index, were shopping in town this week.

James and Leo, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner, who have been very sick are reported better.

Mrs. Clarence Hutchinson and Miss Nelle Franklin were pleasant callers at this office one day this week.

Special sale on men, women and children's shoes at Sam R. Lykins & Son, (McClain old stand) during Circuit Court.

Representative Luther Pieratt, who has been visiting his family at Ezel, was in West Liberty one night last week.

M. H. West and John Phipps, of Catlettsburg, were here several days recently visiting relatives and doing photographic work.

Don't fail to inspect our line of ladies' misses and children's dress goods during Circuit Court. SAM R. LYKINS & SON.

Mr. Hord Williams and Miss Ethel Allen, of White Oak, were visiting relatives in town this week.

We will have some special inducements to offer our customers during Circuit Court.

SAM R. LYKINS & SON.

W. H. Vest is moving from Insko to his property on Glen avenue, recently purchased of Charlie Franklin.

W. G. Williams, of Grassy Creek, passed through town Monday enroute home from Paragon where he had been visiting his son.

John A. Kendall, who has been confined to his room with pneumonia for several weeks, is reported not quite so well this week.

Bring your lady to town with you while attending Circuit Court and be sure and bring her to S. R. LYKINS & SON's store on Court street.

M. C. Bradley, prominent merchant and postmaster, of Dingus, gave our job department an order for stationery while in town Monday.

H. M. Cox went to Washington, D. C., this week where he will receive personally his commission as U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Mesdames Lucy Davis and Al Garver, of Cannel City, and W. T. Congleton, of Lexington, are visiting Mrs. Joseph Elam, this week.—Wilmore Enterprise.

D. T. Wilson, of Hazel Green, representing the Mahan Company, of Winchester, was calling on our merchants this week.

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Wiley Steele and family have moved back to their farm on Spaw Creek and Lee Gross has moved to the property vacated by Mr. Steele.

James Lykins has moved to one of the cottages in Kendall addition and H. P. Cartmell has moved to the property on Glen avenue vacated by Mr. Lykins.

Dennie M. Lykins and family and Wm. Blevins and family will leave the last of the week for Hazard to make their homes.

Mr. Lykins has a position as clerk in a store and Mr. Blevins will work in a coal mine.

We are stocking up with a complete line of new goods in anticipation of the wants and requirements of spring trade.

Don't forget the place—Auty McClain's old stand on Court street.

SAM R. LYKINS & SON.

Eld. L. A. Music received a letter from Elder W. A. Hays, of Mazie, stating that he would be at Wells Union the first Saturday night in March to begin a ten days meeting.

Elder L. A. Music, Elder and Mrs. O. N. Pennington and Clifton McGuire attended church at War creek, Sunday. A splendid meeting is in progress at that place.

Yea and nay vote being taken stood as follows:
E. J. Day, yea.
J. F. Lykins, yea.
E. W. Day, yea.
R. L. Motley, yea.
J. H. Lewis, yea.
L. C. Templeton, yea.
Tom Davis, yea.
W. V. Smith, yea.

A copy—Attest:
REN F. NICKELL,
Clerk Morgan County Court.

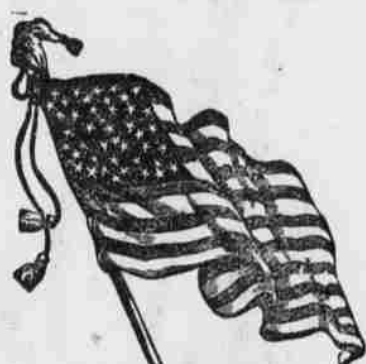
In accordance with the provisions of section 157a of the constitution of the State of Kentucky, I have ordered the foregoing order and copy of minutes of the Morgan County Fiscal Court to be published in the Licking Valley Courier, which publication shall constitute legal notice to the voters of said county of the election to be held pursuant to said order.

This February 28, 1918.
C. P. HENRY,
Sheriff Morgan County.

West Liberty Doctor Here
With Registrants.

Dr. H. V. Nickell, of West Liberty, was here this week with four registrants from that county for examination before the Medical advisory board. Dr. Nickell is a member of the local board for Morgan county.—Daily (Winchester) Democrat.

Blank Deeds for sale at the Courier office.



Soldier Boys Leave.

The last of Morgan County's quota under the selective draft, 64 in number, left Monday morning for Camp Zachary Taylor at Louisville, to begin training preparatory to "bagging the Kaiser."

It was a splendid bunch of young men and all were in fine spirit, seemingly imbued with the idea that they have a solemn duty to perform and perform it like men.

A beautiful and impressive patriotic service in their honor was held at the Baptist church Sunday night and the house was crowded to its capacity, many being compelled to stand throughout the service.

The boys were accompanied to Louisville by A. T. Ferguson, Chief Clerk of the local board.

Minutes—Morgan County Fiscal Court.

Special term, 22nd day of February, 1918.

It is ordered by the Morgan Fiscal Court, that C. P. Henry, Sheriff of Morgan county, Kentucky, be and he is hereby ordered and directed to submit to the voters of Morgan County, at a special election to be held on Tuesday, March 26th 1918, for the purpose of voting for or against a tax of 20c on the one hundred dollars of property, subject by law to local taxation under section 157a of the constitution, for the improvement or construction of public roads or bridges of Morgan County; and this call and election is made for the period of four years, 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921, and that no amount of money out of this levy in excess of the amount that can be raised by the levy in any one year shall be expended.

The question to be submitted to the people shall be: "Are you for a property tax of 20c on each one hundred dollars worth of property in the county to be levied each for four years for the purpose of improving or constructing, either or both, the roads and bridges in Morgan county."

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Judge A. D. Wells Dead.

A. D. Wells, familiarly known as "Bulger" Wells, died suddenly at Mt. Sterling on the night of the 19th inst. Heart failure was supposed to have been the cause. Mr. Wells was a native of Menefee county and had served that county as Sheriff and County Judge, and in each position made an efficient officer. Later he was appointed collector of internal revenue, and in the discharge of his official duties he was often at West Liberty where he had many friends. He is survived by his widow and five children.

The remains were taken back to Wellington, Menefee county, his former home, for interment.

County Farm For Sale.

The undersigned committee will offer for private sale the County Infirmary farm consisting of 157 acres, situated on Little Caney creek, 2½ miles south of Index, Ky.

Bids or propositions will be received at any time.

H. C. ROSE, J. F. LYKINS and E. W. DAY, Committee.

Nickell—Hollon.

Mr. Denny T. Nickell and Miss Jeanette Hollon, both of Neola, were married February 20th 1918.

Notice.

Optician J. B. Shoemaker, of 525 South Upper street, Lexington, Kentucky, will be at the Cole Hotel the first week of Circuit Court. March from the fourth to ninth inclusive.

Roads have been most improperly located and badly drained for such a long period of time that it is now difficult to teach the people that proper location and proper drainage are permanent improvements and of prime importance if the road is to be economically maintained.

Ashville, N. C., Feb. 19, 1918
Mr. H. G. Cottle,
Dear Sir:

As Mrs. A. F. Garver and I will spend a few weeks with my daughter, Mrs. H. H. Gambill we would be glad if you will please send us our home paper as we miss it very much and will appreciate you sending it here.

My address is 118 South French Broad, Ashville, N. C. in care of Mrs. H. H. Gambill.

Very truly,
Mrs. LUCY DAVIS.

Schofield Bks, Honolulu, H. T.
February 8th 1918

Mr. H. G. Cottle,
Dear Sir:—Enclosed you will find one dollar for subscription to the Licking Valley Courier.

Please write name and address plainly so that it will come direct to me.

Respectfully,
LYNN B. CASKEY,
Co. F. 1st Inf. Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, H. T.

Farmer City, Illinois.
Mr. Gardner Cottle,
West Liberty, Ky.

Kind sir:—Please send my paper to Farmer City, R. 3. We have moved from Mansfield and the paper is so much company.

As ever,
GREEN MCKENZIE.

Practically 50 per cent of the taxes collected for county purposes is expended on roads and it behooves every taxpayer to see that the money is spent properly, which would mean under the direction of an engineer.

Off Of The Gridale.

The hotel was overcrowded and a very fat man had been forced to spend the night on a wire cot minus blankets and mattress. "How did you sleep?" inquired the clerk next morning.

"O, I slept all right," the fat man assured him, "but I certainly looked like a waffle when I got up this morning!"—Milestones.

They Rehearsed The Baby.

A young Burnley weaver, according to an English paper, was taking her little baby to church to be christened.

Its father had been in the trenches for three months, and it was impossible for him to get home for the ceremony.

The baby smiled up beautifully into the minister's face.

"Well, madam," said the minister, "I must congratulate you on your little one's behavior. I have christened two thousand babies, but I never christened one that behaved so well as yours."

The young mother smiled demurely, and said:

"His grandad and me hev' bin practisin' wi' him for a week wi' a bucket of water!"

Current Opinion.

If you want good roads, follow the example of counties that have them. It is foolish to experiment in this enlightened age.

NOTICE—On and after Feb. 15, 1918, the subscription price of the Licking Valley Courier will be 60 cents for six months and 35 cents for three months.

The price of a year's subscription will, for the present, remain at one dollar.

Notice.

F. M. Sackett, Food Administrator for Kentucky, has recently promulgated an order forbidding the killing of hens or pullets from February 23 to May 1.

The people of Morgan county will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

L. T. HOVERMALE,
Food Admr. for Morgan county.

The Skilled Artist.

Bessie is a bright one. The other day her teacher set her and her schoolmates to drawing, letting them choose their own subjects. After the teacher had examined what the older children had drawn, she took up Bessie's sheet.

"Why, what's this?" she said. "You haven't drawn anything at all, child."

"Please, teacher, yes I have," returned Bessie. "It's a war picture—a long line of ammunition wagons at the front. You can't see 'em 'cause they're camouflaged."—Boston Transcript.

Keep the boy on the farm by making the roads so that he can go to town in a short time.

And The Jokesmith Dodged.

They were discussing that joke about getting down off an elephant.

"How do you get down?" asked the jokesmith for the fourth time.

"You climb down."

"Wrong!"

"You grease his sides and slide down."

"Wrong!"

"You take a ladder and get down."

"Wrong!"

"Well, you take the trunk line down."

"No, not quite. You don't get down off an elephant; you get off a goose."—Indianapolis News

New French Town.

The geography lesson was about to begin, and the subject of it was France.

Accordingly the teacher started off with the question: "Now in this present terrible war, who is our principal ally?"

"France," came the answer from a chorus of voices.

"Quite right," said the teacher, beaming. "Now can any of you give me the name of a town in France?"

A small boy at the back of the class almost fell over in his eagerness to tell: "Somewhere," he said, breathlessly.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.